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TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ASSOCIATION

July 5, 2007

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Universal Service, Docket Number 96-45. *Notice of Ex Parte  
Presentation*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 27, I visited with the following telecommunications policy advisors:

- Ian Dillner, office of Chairman Martin;
- Scott Bergmann, office of Commissioner Adelstein;
- John Hunter, office of Commissioner McDowell; and
- Aaron Goldberger, office of Commissioner Tate.

I discussed with each of these advisors the positions of the Montana Telecommunications Association ("MTA") in support of the Joint Board's recommended Decision to place an emergency interim cap on universal service support for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (CETCs).

I also encouraged each of the advisors to support an immediate action by the FCC to eliminate the "identical support" rule which bases universal service support on the level of support received by an incumbent ETC, rather than on each ETC's own costs.

Respectfully submitted

/s/

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